

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 13-16 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1-20 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment and reply amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending and canceling the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12 and 17-20 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph:

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite, for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. By way of this amendment and reply, the presently pending claims have been amended to overcome this rejection, without affecting the scope of the claims.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,594,503 to Herzig et al. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims, for at least the reasons given below.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claims 13-16, whereby those features have been respectively incorporated into presently pending independent claims 1-4, the Office Action asserts that “since the device [of Herzig] allows users to store detected telephone numbers, the users may sequentially dial the stored telephone numbers (to sequentially make calls).” Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion made in the Office Action. There is nothing in Herzig that discloses or suggests the capability of making sequentially telephone calls; rather, a user in the system of Herzig can make a telephone call after scanning a telephone number written on a sheet of paper, and when that telephone call is complete, the

user can then have the system scan another telephone number written on the same or a different sheet of paper, and so on. This is much different from the features recited in presently pending independent claims 1-4, in which sequential calls are made if there are a plurality of telephone numbers obtained by the determination means.

Accordingly, presently pending independent claims 1-4 are not anticipated by Herzig.

Still further, with respect to claim 3, that claim recites that a part of the numbers is preset numbers and that the determination means determines that the numbers are a telephone number when a part of the numbers is preset numbers and a first preset number of digits and numbers followed the part of the numbers are a second preset number of digits. Such features are not disclosed or suggested by Herzig.

Thus, presently pending independent claim 3 is not anticipated by Herzig for these additional reasons.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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